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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION - FORMER DEFENSE MINISTER
ROELOF KRUISINGA

1. FORMER DEFENSE MINISTER KRUISINGA (CDA) ANNOUNCED
AUGUST 9 THAT HE HAS ACCEPTED THE POST OF TEMPORARY
ADVISER TO THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO). KRUISINGA,
WHO IS A MEDICAL DOCTOR, SERVED THREE MONTHS AS
NETHERLANDS DEFENSE MINISTER, FROM DECEMBER 1977 UNTIL
HIS RESIGNATION IN MARCH 1978. HE ALLEGEDLY RESIGNED
TO PROTEST THE CABINET'S STANCE ON THE "NEUTRON BOMB,"
ALTHOUGH IN FACT KRUISINGA HAD ALIENATED HIS COLLEAGUES
IN THE CABINET BY HIS FLAMBOYANT BEHAVIOR AND MEMBERS
OF THE DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENT BY HIS CAVALIER ATTITUDES
TOWARD HIS RESPONSIBILITIES AND PUBLIC STANCE AS A PACIFIST.

2. KRUISINGA SAID THAT HIS WORK WOULD BE CONCERNED
WITH WHO'S ROLE IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENT, ESPECIALLY
WITHIN EUROPE, AND THE ORGANIZATION'S RELATIONS WITH
OTHER UN BODIES. ACCORDING TO KRUISINGA HIS TASKS
WILL INCLUDE MONITORING THE PARAGRAPHS ON THE MILIEU IN
THE HELSINKI AGREEMENT. HE SAID THAT HE IS EXPECTED TO
SUBMIT A FINAL REPORT ON ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL IN
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EUROPE TO WHO BY MID 1979.

3. KRUISINGA HAS ALWAYS COVETED A POST WITH AN
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION. BEFORE HIS BRIEF TENURE
AS DEFENSE MINISTER, IT WAS COMMON KNOWLEDGE THAT HE
WANTED THE POST OF DIRECTOR GENERAL OF WHO. INDEED,
IT WAS HIS ILL DISGUISED AMBITION THAT ALIENATED MANY

PEOPLE. NOW THAT KRUISINGA HAS BEEN LAUNCHED INTO THE
WORLD OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, IT IS MORE LIKELY
THAT HE WILL NOT MAKE A COMEBACK IN DUTCH DOMESTIC
POLITICS. HOWEVER, THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS ARE NOT
THOUGHT TO HAVE WRITTEN HIM OFF YET. HIS NAME IS STILL
ON THE LIST OF CDA POLITICIANS IN LINE FOR A SEAT IN
PARLIAMENT IF THE DEPARTURE OF A MEMBER OF THE CDA
FACTION CREATES A VACANCY.
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